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APPLICANTS: Bennet et al

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ENTITLED: System and Method for Home Automation and Security

Law Office of Dale B. Halling, L.L.C.
24 S. Weber St., Suite 311
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January 23, 2003Petition to Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment
(37 CFR 1.8 (b))Honorable Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to a notice of abandonment dated 4/23/2002 the applicant responds as follows:

The Examiner states, that the applicant failed to timely file a proper response to the Office action mailed 5/31/2001. We have no copy of this action. Examiner stated in telephone conversation on 5/21/02 that fees were not received. This is in error. The applicant did timely respond with a check.

Under 37 CFR 1.8 (b) the correspondence will be considered timely filed if:

1. The applicant hereby informs the Patent Office that a timely response was filed on 12/15/2000. This response is now being filed promptly (within one week) of this office becoming aware that the PTO had not received a response to the notice of Missing parts.
2. A copy of the correspondence and certificate is enclosed.
3. I, Dorre J. Woods, paralegal for Dale B. Halling at the time of the mailing of the notice of missing parts, attest to have mailed the missing parts notice and associated check.

Respectfully submitted,

By

Dorre J. Woods

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited on the date shown below with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office
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